Dear Families,

This week, the children learned about Memorial Day and what it means to show respect and gratitude for those who have served or are serving in the Armed Forces. We simply tell the children that our country is kept safe and free by people who dedicate their lives to helping others. These are the Heroes we honor on Memorial Day.

Our first graders have enjoyed their weekly "Clubs." It is great to see them working in interest-based groups with peers across the grade level. They have enjoyed yoga, sports, skits, needlepoint, art, music, and making greeting cards. Many of the clubs will be performing or presenting at our next Spirit Day on May 30th. I will post photos and short video clips on our website. Thank you to all of the teachers and staff who organized club activities for our students!

An important reminder about procedures:

If you make after-school plans for your child, **please send a note to school in the morning**. We can only accept mid-day changes to students' dismissal plans if it is absolutely necessary. When changes are requested after the school day has begun, it requires that we interrupt the classroom to explain the change to the teacher and/or the child. This disrupts the learning experience for all students. We appreciate your cooperation.

We hope you enjoy the four-day weekend with your family!

Warm regards,

Lynn Herschlein